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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit to Office of Operations (AD/O)

1. On 18 November I had a pleasant visit with the Assistant Director and Deputy Assistant Director of the Office of Operations. It was agreed that I would plan to spend a number of days with the various divisions of the Office to learn something of their working. We did not discuss organization specifically in the general conversation.

2. The AD and DAD had the following comments concerning the specific questions included in my original memorandum to them:

a. They felt that personnel in the Office of Operations were adequately briefed on world developments since the Office operates primarily on the basis of requirements from consumers.

b. The Office has done some thinking about the possibility of having the responsibility for overt collection abroad. They do not seem to be enthusiastic about such a possibility, but feel they could carry it out through the formation of a new division to be staffed in part by experienced personnel from other parts of the Office.

c. The Foreign Documents Division (FDD) has a long range training program. The Office neither encourages nor discourages language training.

e. We agreed to postpone discussion of OO operations in Washington until I had finished talks with DDP on this subject.

f. It appears that FBID is almost entirely dependent on other people for its overseas communications. They are particularly dependent upon Army channels and apparently have done very little thinking about how they might handle communications if the Army were to take away the channels in the event of an emergency.

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g. FBID has a small mobile monitoring capability and there are no plans at present for expanding it.

3. My general impression was that the Office had shaken down into a smoothly running operating procedure and that relatively little though had been given to problems that might conceivably upset this happy state.

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